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(57) Abstract: The invention is a selective growth medium for investigating, isolating, counting and directly identifying pathogenic bacteria of the genus *Listeria*. The medium promotes the growth of *Listeria spp.* while simultaneously inhibiting the growth of non-*Listeria* organisms. The medium does not produce a bacterial biomass contaminated with interfering fluorophores. The medium contains nitrofurantoin, esculin and lithium chloride and lacks acriflavin.